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ANOTHER CASE

Structure on Maunakea Street Burned.

Board of Health Meets Cabinet and
Citizens Adopt Measures for
Removing People.

★ ONE DEATH YESTERDAY. ★
★ Wong Hing, Chinese, male, ★
★ age 37 years; found dead at 7:30 ★
★ yesterday morning over the ★
★ store at 215½ Maunakea street. ★
★ No postmortem held, as he was ★
★ at once pronounced a victim of ★
★ bubonic plague and sent to the ★
★ crematory. Drs. Pratt and ★
★ Howard diagnosed the case. ★

As soon as the Board of Health could be notified of the death of Wong Hing, an order was issued for the destruction of the entire premises which were declared to be infected. There were eight shops in the ground floor of the building facing on Maunakea street. On Panahi street a low two-story structure, a yoshiwara, was also included in the order. An area covering 105 feet on Maunakea street, seventy-eight feet on Panahi street, and extending back half-way into the interior of the block was thus placed under the ban.

The appraising committee, consisting of Messrs. Ripley, Ouderkirk and Wilhelm, accompanied President Cooper and the members of the Board to the infected locality and made estimates of the value represented in the old frame structures. Several drays were placed at the disposal of the storekeepers and the store contents were moved down on Panahi street toward the Nuanu stream. The room in which the man died was not touched, everything within it being left for the flames to destroy.

Before the body of the Chinese was found there had been five of his countrymen living in the same room. After locating the body, the inspectors were unable to find more than three of these. The entire district was energetically searched for the other two, but up to a late hour last night neither one had been apprehended.

As on the previous day, the premises to be burned were surrounded by several streams of water, the entire Fire Department being out to prevent the flames spreading beyond the mapped-out section. Police ropes were stretched across every street leading to the scene of the fire and extra guards placed on sentinel duty within the quarantine line.

The Second Fire Started.

Both the Chinese and Japanese tenants moved with a surprising alacrity in leaving the building, and shortly before 12 o'clock the torch was applied in the infected room. The flames spread quickly, urged on by the kerosene oil which had been liberally poured into every part of the buildings. For a while dense clouds of pungent black smoke rolled out from under the eaves, as the corrugated iron roofing had not this time been removed. A southerly wind shot the flames far out into the street, and despite the amount of water thrown upon the chemical engine house across the street from the fire, the doors were so blistered that the paint scaled off in large patches. The firemen easily confined the fire within the prescribed limits, front and rear. The conflagration was much fiercer than the one on Nuanu street, but having become accustomed to it in certain limits, the fire was much more satisfactory than the first, as every piece of timber was burned completely.

On all the surrounding buildings were groups of Japanese and Chinese armed with brooms and shovels to prevent burning sparks from setting fire to their habitations. No other fires were started, and at 5 o'clock most of the fire apparatus was called off and sent back to their respective stations. During the fiercest part of the conflagration, Chief Hunt started through an alleyway on Maunakea street to go to the rear. As he neared the end of the passageway, a burning porch, which projected from the burning building, suddenly gave way, and a lot of blazing lumber was precipitated directly upon him, momentarily pinning him beneath the debris. The Chief shook himself free of the mass and limped to the rear, where he was assisted to a Chinese livery stable. The blow upon his head stunned him and he was dazed for some time after the accident occurred. His right knee was struck forcibly and his trousers were torn. The most serious injury was received on the left instep. The Chief would not leave his post of duty, and went about the scene in his fire buggy, directing operations. Those who witnessed the accident say it was a stroke of luck that the Chief was not killed.

The unburnt debris on the Nuanu street section which was burnt Sunday has been piled up in great heaps and will probably be burned again today in order to thoroughly dispose of the mass.

The people who dwell in the section in which Wong Hing died were removed to the new quarantine district in Kakaako, but those who were living in the sections immediately surround-

ing the infected quarters were allowed to go elsewhere in the district, although the entire structure was burned as "infected premises."

Deaths and Suspects.

A death was reported from the Government wash-house early yesterday morning. A physician was immediately despatched to the scene, but no body was found in the house. The only inmates found were four or five Chinese, who were asleep. The others had decamped earlier in the night, and their sudden flight was the cause of witnesses suspecting that something was wrong and a report was telephoned in to the Health Office at once. No amount of questioning could elicit any information as to the whereabouts of the body, and it was not until yesterday forenoon that the body was discovered in a swamp near by. An examination by Dr. Garvin showed the man had died of pneumonia.

Many cases of sickness were visited by the physicians, but no other cases of plague were discovered. A report came into the office at 8 o'clock that a plague death had occurred on Herekani near Nuanu, but after examination a burial certificate was issued.

The Board Meets Citizens.

An important Board of Health meeting was called for last evening at 7:30 p. m., at which President Dole, Minister Mott-Smith and Minister Young of the cabinet were present by invitation. There were also present Messrs. F. M. Hatch, L. A. Thurston, C. Bolte, A. W. Carter, Geo. R. Carter, Armstrong Smith and Dr. Pratt. Of the Board of Health there were present Drs. Day, Wood and Emerson and Geo. W. Smith, who acted as chairman of the meeting. Vice President Cooper, who was too exhausted to attend.

Mr. Smith in calling the meeting to order, announced the purposes of it as follows:

"The meeting has been called primarily to consult with the Cabinet on the Chinatown question. The Board of Health is undertaking a great responsibility in the destruction of buildings in Chinatown, especially in view of the fact that the whole of the Chinatown district is infected and will have to be destroyed."

"What the Board of Health especially wants is the support of the Government and of the people. We want to be sure of that support. We may be laying ourselves liable, individually and collectively, to damages, and therefore we want the support of the government."

President Dole: "How many people are there?"

Mr. Smith: "I don't know exactly. I think there are ten to twenty thousand natives, Chinese and Japanese there."

Mr. Wood: "Where cases have broken out, I certainly know the habitations are infected. If any one will take the trouble to go through there and see the narrow passageways with house floors directly on the ground, one can readily see how infection passes. When we have burned down buildings, where cases of plague have occurred, still we may not have reached the limit of the infection in that manner. We find that the infection was carried across Nuanu street from Ah's to the place where two cases occurred, and which caused the burning of two places yesterday. The physicians are convinced it was carried across the street by rats."

Much discussion was brought about by reference to the quarantine of persons at Kakaako, Minister Young stating that it was unsafe from a sanitary standpoint for so many people being housed here. It was finally decided that tracts of land at Kalihi or behind the leper receiving station were fit places for constructing barracks to accommodate from 500 to 2000 persons.

The medical members of the Board stated that the burning of a structure here and there in Chinatown would not eradicate the disease, nor would isolating each block and throwing guards around it be of any benefit. The district, they maintained, was infected through and through, and an absolutely new and clean place was necessary to put them all in. After their removal the district should then be burned as quickly as possible in order to stamp out the plague.

To sum up the proceedings, so that the community should know definitely what the Board of Health intended to pursue as a policy, Mr. L. A. Thurston offered the following resolution:

"It is the sense of this meeting that it is sound policy to remove to quarantine as rapidly as practicable, the residents of the Chinatown district and to take any and every step, without limit, necessary to stamp out the plague, including the destruction of buildings and other property."

This resolution was carried unanimously.

President Dole asked if the whole of Chinatown had to be destroyed. The Board stated it was their opinion that it should be entirely wiped out.

Dr. Day offered the following motion:

"I move that the Chinese appoint a committee of citizens to select and acquire a suitable locality for a detention camp for persons now resident in Chinatown or other quarantined districts, and to erect buildings for the accommodation of such persons as they shall be advised as to number by the Board of Health."

"I move that the chairman appoint a lot and let this be the means that we now take for combating the plague."

KOHALA XMAS

New Method of Viewing Festivities.

Doings at the Seminary--The Foreign
Church--Dinner at Hind's--
An Aeronaut's Trip.

Editor Advertiser: Poised in a balloon at an altitude of 500 to 1,000 feet above the courthouse in Kapaau, and provided with a good telescope, an audiophone, an X-ray apparatus and an electric instrument, let us observe some of the more interesting events that occur within our range of vision for a few days. Our ascent is made after lamp-light, on the evening of Friday, December 22d.

Having brought our rapidly rising airship to a halt, the tick-tick of the electric apparatus leads us to turn our attention toward the Kohala Seminary. But it is dark, and, moreover, we are not able to see through an iron roof. This is where our X-ray comes in. The majority of the girls, it appears, are about to disband for the holiday season, and as Santa Claus wishes to meet them before they do so, he has made an appointment for this evening, and appropriate exercises have been prepared for the occasion.

A goodly number of guests are present and at the close of the exercises the candles in the tree over in the corner are lighted and the principal actresses that Santa Claus is expected to come from Mahukona, and they must wait until he arrives. We begin to think he might have had the grace to come a little earlier, though we have more than a private suspicion that the principal has made use of a polite fiction. But, whoop! there the old man is at the door, and what a prolonged shout and scream greet him as he prances in and among them with his pack slung over his shoulder. Did ever you see such a phizmahogany on anyone claiming to be Santa Claus? What wonder that two or three youngsters are unable to conceal their mistrust and real fright. But amidst much merry-making he distributes his wares and departs.

This is quite a novel sensation, being up here in a balloon, and we will not be in a hurry to go down. The tell-tale click-click on Saturday evening sets us again on the alert and the indicators point to the same locality as before. This time it is the Sunday school of the Union Church (foreign) that is on exhibition. And, by the way, if you want to see a live church in a bright, cheerful little audience room, and a nice Sunday school, just drop in on Sunday, sit through the sermon and see if you don't go away feeling glad you came.

But let's turn our X-ray on this interesting little entertainment again. After various other recitations, a little maid of possibly 10 years of age is introduced as a recent arrival from Deutschland, and invited to tell of her own country and the impression made on her mind by new scenes. She does it all very creditably, ending with a song. She has related the tale of the Dutch Santa Claus and the Christmas tree that walks out from the woods. The doors are slid apart, and lo! what novelty is this? A tree walks in and through a hole cut in the side of its ample trunk peers the venerable Dutch Santa Claus. His tongue has not entirely mastered the intricacies of the new lingo, but this, together with the originality of some of his comments as he distributes his Christmas goods, adds to the merriment.

On Sunday evening we find our attention divided between two points. There is the Chinese Church, crowded full; on the platform there is a heavily loaded tree and cases containing the overflow of fruitage are about its base. All is quiet and orderly. Large classes of Chinese boys and girls of all ages come forward in turn and recite their long lessons in sing-song Chinese, or, to our ears, more musical English song, the exercises being ably conducted by Miss Whiteman with the aid of the Chinese assistant.

Look at some of those little fellows, knee-high to a grasshopper, going through their performances as sedately and correctly as their elders, on whom they keep a steady eye. My! how can their little brains endure the torture of committing to memory? There is nothing that strikes one as being particularly "unusual" in these exercises, but when they are over and the tree is stripped of its load, Hi! Chee! what a bedlam of whistles and trumpets and rattles! Did ever you hear such a performance on Sunday? Why, every child must have one!

At the Japanese Church, in the meantime, the celebration appears to have taken on a more boisterous character, and a bystander remarks that they have much yet to learn. Santa Claus, with his head and face completely hidden in something that takes the place of a hood, or mantle, passes among the people attended by a servant. Or is it the other way about? Which is which? The blankets have been up here in this wickerwork basket, and on Monday morning we are astir a little early. Fetch on that X-ray and let's see what's all this going on at the old Mission homestead. To judge from the number of people seated about that long breakfast table,

it must be a regular boarding-house. Now they have all gone out on the veranda and appear to be on the quiver of expectancy for something. Ha! ha! no wonder! Look at that wagon driving in at the gate, piled full of stuff, with the genuine old Santa Claus sitting in the midst, flourishing his whip, and Mrs. Santa Claus beside him ringing a bell. That is the best get-up ever seen yet; so, at least, says one of the older residents; so it must be so. Someone observes that they are the "bridegroom and bride." Well, we won't say it isn't, but if it's so, that old duffer has either been married a dozen times before, or else he's been mightily slow getting about it. Why, he's the original Santa Claus, gnarled and knotted and corpulent-looking, and that wife o' his'n, by the look of her smooth frontpiece and clear complexion, is fit to be his granddaughter. Gracious, what a lot of truck he pulls out of that cart; and everyone of that large crowd, including servants and their children, has something two or three times over. It is, by all odds, bound to be the jolliest thing of the season.

At 2 p. m. our electric apparatus again prompts us to look overboard. The X-ray is soon adjusted and the ceiling trumpet of the audiophone turned upon the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Hind. There is quite a collection of people there, whose faces would indicate that they are on very good terms with the world; evidently a dinner party, for there is a long table set in the dining-room. But look at those children, not very far short of a score, of all ages, from three or four months to about ten years, all related to one another, and we know that two or three are absent. Talk of "hooulu lahui!" His Majesty Kalakaua, in his day, adopted or coined that phrase as his motto for political effect, but in practice did his best to decimate the population. These people talk it less, but establish good homes. But what in the world will they do with all those children at the table? Ah! they have solved the problem now, as on previous occasions. There is a low table set especially for them on the veranda, and servants to wait on them. Now see them go for the soda water! One, two, three bottles, one after another. Where do they put it all and find room for the solids? Thank fortune, there's no "stiek" in it, or they'd be all lying under the table inside of ten minutes.

The sun has now nearly touched the western horizon, and we have been up here in this balloon about seventy-two hours—long enough for one time. What do you say to going downstairs and seeing how it feels to tread on "terrible infirmity" once more?

AERONAUT.

LATE LAHAINA NOTES.

Wreck of Kilohana Moved--Death of Mr. Charles Gohier.

Lahaina has had the first good rain in many months. It began raining early on Saturday morning and continued until noon, much to the delight of all. Late on Friday afternoon it gave promise of a real old-fashioned kona, but the storm failed to materialize although the surf ran high throughout the day. During Saturday the wreck of the Kilohana rolled and pitched to an extent that drove her at least one hundred feet further upon the reef. A few hours more would have broken her up, but she now stands high out of the water.

A telephone message came from Wailuku, Dec. 30th, stating that Charles Gohier had died at Malulu hospital. His many friends here were grieved to learn of his death. Mr. Gohier was for many years head overseer for the Pioneer Mill Co., which position he held until the Maunalei plantation was started, where he expected to take a similar position. He only remained there a short time, however, when he was taken ill and rapidly declined. The body was brought overland this afternoon and will be buried at Lahaina.

Claimed He Was Clubbed.

There was quite a disturbance at the corner of Fort and Hotel streets at about 11:15 last night. A drunken man, named Wm. Henry Wilkin, had been making himself so obnoxious to patrons of a nearby saloon that he was given in charge of two constables, one of whom stood by his prisoner, while the other telephoned for the patrol wagon. Failing to obtain the vehicle, the two officers started to walk their man to the station-house, but just after turning the corner of Hotel and Bethel streets the man began a series of loud cries, which brought a crowd on the run from all directions. Two mounted patrolmen kept the crowd back, and the man was hastily placed in the patrol wagon, which at that moment drove up. On arrival at the station-house he was bleeding profusely from a wound on the head, and several bystanders stated that the officers clubbed their man without reason, though the officers declare that his injury was caused through falling heavily on his face while being conveyed to the station.

Port Surveyor Stratemeyer is once again short of guards, through the action of the Police Department in recalling several officers loaned for customs guard duty.

MAUI E DGET

Murder of a Japanese at Halawa.

Holiday Games of Base Ball and
Polo--Two Quiet Weddings
--Other Items.

MAUI, Dec. 30, 1899.—At noon Thursday, the 28th, Ogata, the Japanese cook of Surveyor E. L. Vander Nalieu, was found murdered in the cook-house of the latter's residence at Halawa, Huelo. The Japanese's face was badly beaten and crushed, showing nine wounds; and his throat was cut from one ear to the other. Dr. McConeky of Pala was summoned and it was determined that Ogata had been dead at least forty-eight hours and, therefore, the murder must have been committed some time during Tuesday night, the 26th. It was upon that evening he was last seen alive.

Mr. Vander Nalieu was absent at Spreckelsville at the time the crime was supposed to have been committed. Ogata was the chief witness of Yamamoto, the former cook of Mr. Vander Nalieu, who is to be tried next Friday, charged with cutting a native, William Paahao, on the hand and wrist with a knife. Some slight suspicion is thrown upon Paahao. However, the police are inclined to think that some Japanese enemy has done the deed. No arrests have been made as yet.

Baseball and Polo.

During the 25th there was a match game of baseball played at Lahaina between the local club and the Wailuku nine. The contest was witnessed by more than 200 people and resulted in the score of 31 to 14 in favor of the Wailuku boys. William Kalakini was the captain of the Lahaina nine and William Cornwell, Jr., managed the Wailuku association in the absence of Dr. Boote, who was unable to play on account of sickness.

Another baseball game was played several days ago at Kahului between the sailors of the U. S. S. Pathfinder and a nine from Spreckelsville under the direction of L. C. Crook. The sailors were vanquished by a score of 21 to 17. The Wailuku club will play the sailors of the Pathfinder on New Year's day, weather permitting. During Christmas afternoon a very lively polo game was played on the Sunnyside grounds, at Pala. Three teams competed. No. 1—Messrs. F. F. Baldwin, S. E. Kalama and S. Crook. No. 2—Messrs. L. O. Temple, D. C. Lindsay and A. A. A. No. 3—Messrs. H. B. Baldwin, W. O. Kien and Frank. Team No. 3 was beaten by No. 1 and No. 1 was beaten by No. 2, all the scores being very close. B. D. Baldwin being unable to be present, Mr. L. von Tempsky took his place, thus playing in teams No. 2 and No. 3. There was the largest number of spectators present since the summer tournament of 1898.

Two Quiet Weddings.

At 1 o'clock on the afternoon of the 30th ult. Miss Blanche Ella Allen, daughter of Mr. F. C. Allen, the paymaster of Spreckelsville plantation, was married to Mr. Walter A. Lowrie, the son of Mr. W. J. Lowrie, the manager of the Hawaiian Commercial Co. The ceremony took place at the Spreckelsville residence of the bride's parents and was performed by Dr. E. G. Beckwith of Pala. Miss Clara Lowrie, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor and a brother of the bride was best man.

On the same day A. H. Landgraf, a well-known luna of Pala plantation, was married to Miss K. Louise Eckhardt, the daughter of Max. Eckhardt, the Wailuku watchmaker. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents.

Other Items.

During the evening of the 28th a Christmas tree was given to the Sunday school children of the Pala Foreign Church. It was a most successful entertainment, there being more adults present than little ones. David Fleming acted the part of Santa Claus and came down through the chimney of a mock fireplace.

Marine News and Weather.

KAHULUI.—Arrived, Dec. 28, stmr. Kaulani, 9 days from San Francisco, with a cargo of grain and lime for H. C. Co., Pala Plantation Co. and Haku Sugar Co. The Kaulani is the new 223-ton steamer built for the Wilder S. S. Co. Departed, Dec. 29, schr. S. E. Sander, Sension, for Port Townsend in ballast. The schooner Metha Nelson is off Kihel with a cargo of lumber. The U. S. S. Pathfinder is making a most careful and accurate survey of Kahului harbor. She will be engaged for three weeks upon the task and will therefore remain one week longer.

Weather.—During yesterday and today a Kona wind has been blowing, bringing rain to Wailuku, Kahului, Spreckelsville and Kula.